



## FRIENDS OF THE TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission is a closely affiliated 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose sole purpose is to raise private philanthropic dollars to support the programs, projects, and activities of the Texas Historical Commission (THC).

### Who We Are

The Friends of the Texas Historical Commission is governed by a Board of Trustees. The Friends trustees are the THC's staunchest supporters and an important resource, serving as a bridge to the broader public. Twenty-two members, who reside in cities and towns across Texas, foster passion for and support of historic preservation across the state.

The chief development officer of the THC serves as the executive director of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, coordinating the Board of Trustees and managing the development process and daily activities of the Friends.

### What We Do

The Friends of the THC was incorporated in 1996 by the State of Texas to help meet the Commission's need for private charitable dollars designated to protect, preserve, promote, and educate citizens about the state's rich heritage.

Philanthropic support allows the Friends to offer resources for worthy projects not provided for in the state budget. Additionally, it provides a means for Texans to get personally involved with preserving Texas' historic places and stories. More than \$9 million has been raised by the Friends to benefit the THC. Special projects supported by the Friends include the *La Belle* excavation, the Fort St. Louis excavation, the THC Diversity Internship program, Texas Civil War monuments, Texas in World War II oral history program, the restoration of 23 historic Texas flags, and the restoration of the Fulton Mansion.



The hull of *La Belle* is on display at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin.

### How to Reach Us

Contact us for more information on how to support the THC.

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